AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Claim 1 (Previously Amended) An image processing method, comprising:

judging whether correction of image data of a color image is necessary based on a quality of sunset scene, the color image covered with a specific color, contrast and sharpness of the whole area of the image data; and

performing a predetermined correction processing on at least a portion of the color image based on the judgment of the quality of the image data.

Claim 2 (Original) An image processing method according to claim 1, wherein the necessity/nonnecessity of correction is judged based on the whole area of the image data.

Claim 3 (Previously Canceled)

Claim 4 (Previously Canceled)

Claim 5 (Previously Canceled)

Claim 6 (Previously Canceled)

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) An image processing method according to claim 1, wherein the necessity/nonnecessity of correction is judged based on [[the]] items pieced together.

Claim 8 (Previously Amended) An image processing apparatus, comprising:

a memory which stores an image data of a color image;

a judge section which judges whether correction of the color image based on a quality of sunset scene, the color image being covered with a specific color, contrast and sharpness of the whole area of the image data; and

a correct section which performs a predetermined correction processing on at least a portion of the color image based on a judgment of the quality of the image data by the judge section.

Claim 9 (Original) An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the judge section judges based on the whole area of the image data.

Claim 10 (Previously Canceled)

Claim 11 (Previously Canceled)

Claim 12 (Previously Canceled)

Claim 13 (Previously Canceled)

Claim 14 (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the judge section judges the necessity/nonnecessity of correction base on [[the]] items pieced together.

Claim 15 (Previously Amended) A recording medium with a recorded program, the program performing:

judging whether correction of image data of a color image is necessary based on a quality of sunset scene, the color image being covered with a specific color, contrast and sharpness of the whole area of the image data; and

performing a predetermined correction processing on at least a portion of the color image based on the judgment of the quality of the image data.

Claim 16 (Previously Added) An image processing method according to claim 1, further comprising:

converting color components R, G and B of the image data into hue data, lightness data and saturation data,

wherein the hue data, lightness data and saturation data are used on the judgment of the quality of the image data.

Claim 17 (Previously Added) An apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising:

a converter which converts color components R, G and B of the image data into hue data, lightness data and saturation data,

wherein the hue data, lightness data and saturation data are used in the judgment of the quality of the image data of the judge section.

Claim 18 (New) An image processing method which is correction processed for two or more items about a quality of color image data, comprising:

judging a necessity/nonnecessity of correction of image data of a color image individually with respect to two or more of the items regarding the quality of the image data; and

performing a correction transaction corresponding to the item about the item judged as a correction being required during judging.

Claim 19 (New) The image processing method according to claim 18, wherein the judging judges whether a contrast and sharpness of a picture image are unusual such that the picture image is color cast, wherein the performing the correction transaction is performed for correcting color cast when judged with the picture image color casting, and performing an edge enhancement correction of a picture image when it judges that the contrast and sharpness of picture image are unusual.

Claim 20 (New) An image processing apparatus which is correction processed for two or more items about a quality of color image data, comprising:

a judgment manager to judge whether a correction is necessary individually about each item; and

a correction manager to perform a correction transaction corresponding to the item about the item judged as a correction being required with the judgment manager.

Claim 21 (New) An image processing apparatus according to claim 20, further comprising

a picture image invocation measure to specify a color picture image area used as a correction candidate, and

a correction transaction control manager to judge with a judgment manager individually for every area to the color picture image specified with the picture image invocation measure, and to make a correction with a correction manager performed based on a judgment result.